MASSACHUSETTS ANTI-SLAVERY FAIR.

The Anti-Slavery women of Boston would again, by their Committee, call the attention of their friends in Massachusetts, and throughout the country, to the increased prospect of aiding the cause, by means of the 'MASSACHUSETTS ANTI-SLAVERY FAIR,' already notified to be held at Boston during Christmas week, 1841. The receipts of the sale of last year, far exceeding those of any previous year, afford ample testimony to the faithfulness with which the women of Massachusetts have discharged, amid much 'evil report,' the responsibilities they had assumed, and encourage us AGAIN to summon them to unite with us for a still more strenuous effort in the slave's behalf.

An appreciable impression has been made upon this community. Many among us, who have hitherto regarded the subject of human freedom with indifference, will venture to do so no longer. We trust that happier influences than we have yet known, may lighten our coming labors. We ask for reinforcements, that we may be better enabled to continue our conflict with slavery, as well as to defend the territory we have gained from it.

Strengthened by much profitable experience, by increased knowledge and resources, we hope to make, this year, a more valuable contribution than ever before, to the Treasury of the State Society. It would be unnecessary to state here the objects of the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society, or to enter into any detail respecting its operations. With these, our friends are familiar. But as our appeal may reach individuals not so informed, we would say to such, that, having deliberately and earnestly bound ourselves to the anti-slavery cause, *we*, as much as any others should be indisposed to spend our strength for nought; and we have carefully sought for the best mode of advancing its interests. A long and intimate acquaintance with the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society, a knowledge of the strength of principle, integrity of character, efficiency, zeal and disinterestedness of its members, has assured us that in co-operating with them, we shall most effectually promote our object. The anti-slavery feeling in Boston is steadily increasing; *how long* a time may elapse before the cause so dear to ourselves shall be honored and advocated of *all*, we may not predict. We can only repeat our assurances to all, who have resolved with us 'to labor and to wait' for the day of the slave's redemption, that we will spare no exertions which may promote the success of our common enterprise.

We entreat our friends to encourage us by their presence at the time of the sale as well as by their donations. Arrangements will be made for the accommodation of all who come up to our help, and no endeavors omitted to make the occasion one of enjoyment and festivity, as well as of toil and responsibility.

So well is the Fair now understood, that a particular description of articles that might be profitably provided is unnecessary. Information will be furnished upon application to any member of our Committee.

We ask anti-slavery societies to take early action with respect to the Fair, and communicate their determination to us. In towns where no society exists, or where having a name to live they are dead, let individuals, who remain true to the cause, unite their efforts in this behalf. Permit us to say here, to any who, in view of our protracted struggle and unanticipated perplexities, may be preparing to abandon the cause—'The numbers of the enslaved, their sufferings and despair, the crime and danger of the slaveholder, the guilt of his northern confederate, are no less than when they first awoke your conscience, and enlisted your sympathy. Remember the declaration of our Saviour, 'No man having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.'

In many places, one laborer bears alone the heat and burden of the day. To such we would say, be resolute and self-sustained. You do but *seem* to be alone. Within your call are true and faithful hearts.

——'hearts glowing with a flame,
Kindled like yours for purposes the same,
To cheer the watch, to daunt a common foe.'

Help shall arise by your side soon, and at the eleventh hour the ranks will be full.

We shall address to you, from time to time, during the year, such information respecting our plans and arrangements, as may facilitate yours. Meanwhile, asking earnestly for your correspondence, co-operation and advice, we are affectionately your friends and co-laborers for the slave,

Maria W. Chapman,
Mary A. W. Johnson,
Thankful Southwick,
Louisa Loring,
Eliza F. Meriam,
Ann T. G. Phillips,
Mary Young,
Caroline Weston,
Abby Southwick,
Lavinia Hilton,
Mary F. Rogers,
Emily A. Winslow,
Hannah Tufts,
Catharine Sargent,
Lydia Maria Child,
Mary G. Chapman,
Eliza Lee Follen,
Henrietta Sargent,
Susan Paul,
Eliza Philbrick,
Anne Warren Weston,
Helen E. Garrison,
Louisa Sewall,
Cecilia Howard,
Caroline F. Williams,
Hannah S. Adams,
Mary Willey.

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Boston Sat Morning

Dear Debora –

I have one moment only to write & nothing to say of any consequence I send your bonnet herewith & mourn ~~that~~ that I have got no better strings than those I subjoin – but I would not buy any expensive ones thinking that you probably had the very ribbon on your best winter bonnet – this bonnet costs flowers & all $3,09 – the balance of your $5,00 is in my hands – a straw would cost $3 1/2 to begin with the trimming at least, 75 or a dollar more – & you would not appear to have a new bonnet after all – Sarah's does not look much more expensive than this & cost merely $3.00 –

I hope you will like it if you do not, I will take it, as I got it to suit myself –

– Henry is just the same & he & Sarah are going in the Sandywater stage to Weymouth this afternoon – & may stay a few days – if he is as well – I had a letter from Susan yesterday – she says she is very well better than before she was sick — Lucia Converse has from Groton via Lowell day before yesterday

day & went out to Weymouth, yesterday afternoon
— Anne stays till Monday or tuesday — as Mrs
Ralph Farnsworth — was coming there to make
a visit & they wanted her to help mum the
breach — The Steam boat brought no news
but a letter from Uncle Bates to Hervey which
I hastily transcribed — I dont suppose you
will be able to read it as I copied it to
send myself to Anne — you may make out
however the principal part of it — I think
it a good letter & I hope it will be an in-
ducement to Hervey to go ahead — in
with some thing more of plan than he
has yet exhibited — Mary Robbins
has been here this morning — No other
news except Miss Austin's Marriage to
Mr Joy which took us all by surprise —
Be sure to burn the copy of Josh's
letter —
Edmund Irving has got, or has had
the Measles — & little Anne has got
probably the Whooping Cough — it is just
coming on — I will write again in a few
days — say Monday or tuesday — till then
am faithfully yours
Caroline —
I am so pushed for time that I
send no strings — you can get them —

Miss Sylvia Weston
New Bedford

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